Pot reformers light up fire at clerk’s office

by ROGER VINCENT

Spokesmen for the Marijuana Justice League of California will meet Secretary of State Edmund G. Brown Jr. to discuss later this week is an investigation of voting procedures in San Luis Obispo County.

We believe there may be deliberate violation of the 1965 Civil Rights Act taking place here," said Jerry Goldberg of the MNJ in Los Angeles.

Goldberg came to San Luis Obispo Tuesday to investigate what he said were the unusually high rejection rate of signatures on petitions to place the question of decriminalization of marijuana on the November ballot.

"Nearly 60 percent of the signatures collected in this county were rejected by the county clerk’s office. This is an unusually high rate, especially considering how clean the petitions were. It’s easy to spot fraud in L.A., but these signatures looked like they were taken in good faith.

Most of the signatures eliminated here were rejected because of improper addresses accompanying the signatures according to Goldberg. He charged the county clerk’s office with being too slow at recording new addresses of registering voters.

Goldberg also has accused County Clerk Mitchell Wallam of making it difficult for young people to be deputy registrars, especially to get over the 18-year-old. "There’s a frightening amount of potential voters missed in this county. Registration procedures are such that people are being disenfranchised."

In response, Mrs. Wallam declared allegations that she is making it difficult for young registrars are "completely false and grossly inaccurate."

"I don’t pay much attention to that," Mrs. Wallam explained, "and I don’t have any background about appearances. Naturally I’d hope deputy registrars would work well, but I don’t believe that fear has any influence on a person’s ability to register voters."

Mrs. Wallam conceded many clerical duties in her office have been difficult since the death last May of County Clerk Ruth Wavavis. "I’m very understaffed right now, in fact my entire staff consists of two individuals and myself.

Mrs. Wallam recently held a class necessary for preparing deputy registrars, the first since Miss Wavavis’ death. Another class is scheduled next week, in addition to the present total of one deputy registrar in this county.

As far as the allegation that many marijuana petition signatures were rejected for technical reasons, Mrs. Wallam said she didn’t know what reasons were for signature rejections.

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Golda leaves Israeli post

JERUSALEM (UPI) - Prime Minister Golda Meir resigned Wednesday, saying she has "reached the end of the road.

Her resignation climax a raging controversy over who should take the blame for Israel’s lack of preparations for last October’s war with the Arabs which threatened to destroy the nation’s economy and topple the coalition government.

The revered pioneer, 63, has lost much of her influence since becoming prime minister, but held the post since 1969.

Editor will speak

The role of the editor and the newspaper in meeting the demands of his profession will be the subject of a free public lecture Thursday at 11 a.m. by Telegram-tribune editor George Brand. The lecture will be in Room 120 of the University Union.

Brand will explore the obligation of the press to the public and will also some of his own experiences as examples of the themes which made his career in journalism.

Brand began as a reporter while still enrolled at Condred College in 1947. With the exception of two years in Korea with the Marine Corps, he has worked continuously in the field of journalism for 25 years.

Following his service in the Marine Corps, Brand took a job as a reporter for the Seattle Record-Beardlight, where he went on to become managing editor. He left that position after five years to take the job of editorial writer for the Telegram-Tribune in 1965.

One of the most sought-after career offers Brand had during his stay at the Telegram-Tribune was an appointment as director of information for the Department of Health, Education and Welfare in Washington, D.C.

KEW Secretary Island Pinals test had Brand on leave between his offices because of an important month leave of absence from the Telegram-Tribune.

Brand opted to return an editor after spending six months in the position, which he said was "unbearable." He was named to the job in 1959 by President Eisenhower, who appointed him to the position as a result of his work on the Telegram-Tribune.

Brand’s lecture will be at the first of three offerings of the Arts and Sciences’ winter lecture series at Cal Poly.
The Transportation Engineering Department has named David Tiato, a senior from Honolulu, the student of the year.

An active member of the student chapter of the Institute of Traffic Engineers, Tiato has an overall redo average of A+. He was also the recipient of the Western Electric Promotion Scholarship for 1975-76.

Tiato is a member of the Blue Key honor society, Phi Kappa Phi national honorary society for outstanding academic achievement and Tau Beta Pi engineering honorary society.

Performers are needed to help raise funds for Poly Royal and to perform during Poly Royal. Any person or group interested in donating their talent is asked to leave their name and telephone number in the Poly Royal Ion located in Engineering West 101, or call Ron at 844-6892. The groups would be performing during the University Hours that precede Poly Royal.

Not only florists say it with flowers. In fact, the Ornamental Horticulture department said it well when it was fourth among 11 teams entered in the National Intercollegiate花 Judging Contest.

The top school was North Mississippi State University, followed by Tsing Hain and the University of Illinois.

Members of the Cal Poly team, coached by E. Ray Houston, were Ron Vincent, Joe Ramos and Greg Wade.

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War Memorial Fund may go to University Union

by DEBBIE WIESMANN

Thoughts of a lost or forgotten War Memorial Fund can finally be put out of mind.

Al Amaral, Foundation executive director, said that the University Foundation is holding several funds in trust that had been donated for the purpose of constructing or equipping a student union.

The first fund of $15,000 was donated by the Class of 1940 for the purpose of providing "an permanent trophy, fixture, or other articles deemed proper, or necessary." In 1941, a second fund was started, the War Memorial Fund. The intended purpose was to accumulate funds to be used for the building or equipping of a student union. A War Bond was purchased.

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In 1942, $800 was donated to the University Memorial Fund by Mr. Dagmar J. Oooid, in memory of her son who had died in the war. The Class of 1942 donated $500 for the purpose of engraving the monuments of a future student union and to construct a copper box for placement in the entrance. The total of these funds are invested by the Foundation and are not invested as the "War Memorial Fund." The money has been invested in Certificates of Deposits and are backed by the government, said Amaral. As of

Nov. 1, 1979, the total of the fund was $66,000.

The University Union was built with money generated by the sale of Revenue Bonds that were sold to the investing public. However, before the sale of bonds could be started, approximately $800,000 had to be secured as a type of down payment from Student Union funds and rent from the bookstores.

Amaral said that since money had already been allocated for the building it was decided that the War Memorial Fund money could best be used in "equipping" the building. Amaral said that it waa not his decision as to what to do with the money, but that it was completely up to the University Union Board of Governors. Scott Plinston, chairman for the JUSBG said that several proposals for the use of the money were under consideration. He said that at the moment there were several ideas being considered.

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Blazing bats spur Poly to doubleheader clean-up

by JERRY YAMIELER

The Mustang baseball team came back to even their four-game series with the University of Nevada (Reno) by sweeping a doubleheader, 6-5 and 5-1, Tuesday afternoon on the Poly Field.

Poly scored first in the third inning when Richie Verra singled and scored on a single by Gary Elam.

The fourth inning saw Terry Ruggles hit his sixth home run of the season when he drove in Jim Bagabin, who had led off the inning with a double.

The Mustangs got two more runs in the sixth inning when Dave Hardin singled and was sacrificed to second by Cahans Smith. Hardin reached third base on Jim Flecker's fielder's choice.

Southern city hosts rugby, track teams

The city of Santa Barbara will be the place to spend the Easter break if you are a sports fan.

The southern city will be the host for two big sports events, plus numerous minor sport competitions.

The best rugby teams from all over California will go together for the Southern California Rugby Tournament this weekend. The field of 10 teams will meet for two days of matches, with teams competing in two divisions. The Cal Poly Rugby Club will also be competing.

The University of California at Santa Barbara will also be hosting the UCSB Track Invitational this weekend. The field features many school records. The meet will be held at the campus.